

## VHDL Tutorial: Session 2

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What we did last time

# Recap!

- Simple Full Adder
- Single File Truth Table based Testbench
- Running GHDL and GTKWave
- Syntax using Multiplexer Example
- Syntax using 8-Bit Adder
  - Usage of Component



What we skipped

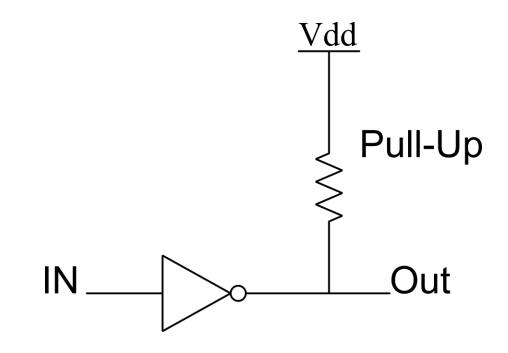
### Work Library

- Not the name of a VHDL Library
- WORK denotes the current working library
- Analysed entities are placed in "WORK"



### The std\_logic Type

- Useful in Testbenches
  - Disconnected => Undefined
  - Before Initialization => Uninitialized
- Modelling pull-up resistors
  - Weak Drives
- Tristates (will come to this soon)
  - High Impedance

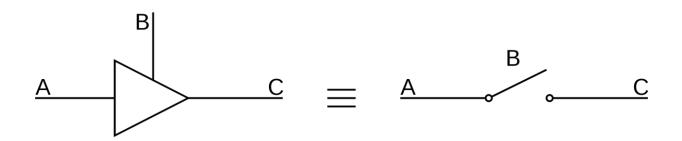


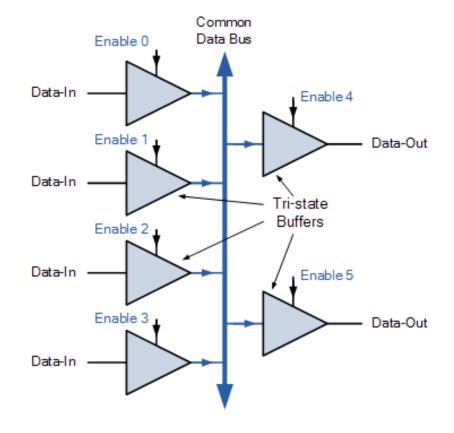
The std\_logic type

- 'U': uninitialized. This signal hasn't been set yet.
- 'X': unknown. Impossible to determine this value/result.
- '0': logic 0
- '1': logic 1
- 'Z': High Impedance
- 'W': Weak signal, can't tell if it should be 0 or 1.
- 'L': Weak signal that should probably go to 0
- 'H': Weak signal that should probably go to 1
- '-': Don't care.

## Moving on...

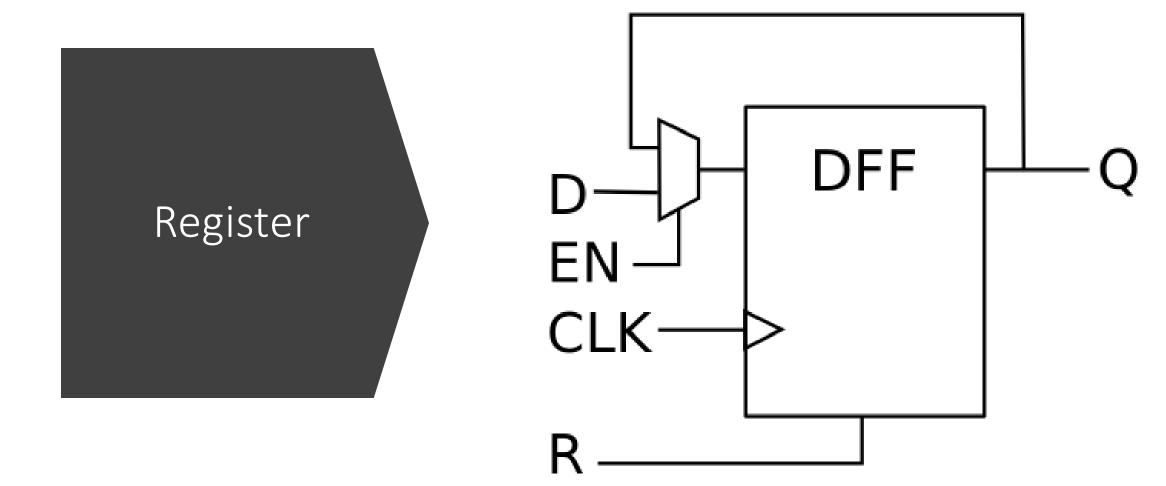
First a new approach to a Testbench!





### Tri-State Buffer

### Combinational Circuits





#### Idle

device\_ready = '1'

output\_ready = '0'

output\_ack= '1'

input\_ready = '1'

#### Ready

device\_ready = '0'

output\_ready = '1'

#### Working

device\_ready = '0'

output\_ready = '0'

#### Useful Resources

- GHDL Documentation Provided
- Tutorials
  - <a href="https://www.tutorialspoint.com/vlsi\_design/vlsi\_design\_vhdl\_introduction.htm">https://www.tutorialspoint.com/vlsi\_design/vlsi\_design\_vhdl\_introduction.htm</a>
  - http://www.micc.unifi.it/seidenari/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/vhdl.pdf
  - https://www.seas.upenn.edu/~ese171/vhdl/vhdl\_primer.html
- Books
  - Digital Design: Principles and Practices, 4th Edition: Wakerly
  - The Designer's Guide to VHDL: Peter Ashenden
- References
  - https://www.ics.uci.edu/~jmoorkan/vhdlref/
  - http://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~traylor/ece474/vhdl\_lectures/essential\_vhdl\_pdfs/
- Debugging
  - Stack Overflow, etc.